

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 47.96 Ha. of Forest land in Compt. No. 552 to 566 Ellutla RF of Ananthapur Range of Anantapur Forest Division of Anantapur District, for establishing of 48.30 MW Wind Power Project, in favour of M/s Samiran Jaipur Wind farms Private Limited - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O Ms. No. 24

Dated:08-03-2013.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.48287/2005-F3, dt:29-10-2008
2. State Govt. Lr No. 7919/For.I(I)/2008, Dated. 22-12-2008
3. From GOI, MoEF, Lr. F. No.8-8/2009-FC, dt.27-2-2009
4. State Govt. Lr No. 7919/For.I(I)/2008, Dated. 18-8-2012
5. From GOI, MoEF, Lr.F. No.8-8/2009-FC, dt.6-2-2013.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 47.96 Ha of Forest land in Compt. No. 552 to 566 Ellutla RF of Ananthapur Range of Anantapur Forest Division of Anantapur District, for establishing of 48.00 MW Wind Power Project, in favour of M/s Suzlon Infrastructure Ltd., Pune, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage.I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 47.96 Ha of Forest land in Compt. No. 552 to 566 Ellutla RF of Ananthapur Range of Anantapur Forest Division of Anantapur District, for establishing of 48.00 MW Wind Power Project, in favour of M/s Samiran Jaipur Wind farms Private Limited, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, while according in-principle (Stage.I) approval and reported that the user agency i.e., i.e. M/s Samiran Jaipur Wind Farms Private Ltd, Secunderabad has made minor revisions in the plan so as to make use of advanced technology with the use of high rating turbines and proposed to install 2.10 MW turbines at 23 locations with an aggregate capacity of 48.30 MW Wind Power Project instead of previously proposed installation of 1.50 MW turbines at 32 locations with a capacity of 48.00 MW Wind Power Project for which Stage-I approval was accorded by the GOI, MoEF. The firm has further confirmed that changes are made keeping the total requirement of the forest land area as same and slight increase in the total installed capacity of project from 48.00 MW to 48.30 MW.

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5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 47.96 Ha of Forest land in Compt. No. 552 to 566 Ellutla RF of Ananthapur Range of Anantapur Forest Division of Anantapur District, for establishing of 48.30 MW Wind Power Project, in favour of M/s Samiran Jaipur Wind farms Private Limited, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 47.96 Ha of Forest land in Compt. No. 552 to 566 Ellutla RF of Ananthapur Range of Anantapur Forest Division of Anantapur District, for establishing of 48.30 MW Wind Power Project, in favour of M/s Samiran Jaipur Wind farms Private Limited, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The User Agency shall raise Compensatory Afforestation from funds realized from the user agency over the equivalent non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department.
- (iii) The non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as Reserve Forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section (s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within a period of six months. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall report compliance to the MoEF.
- (iv) The State Government shall realize the additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the ad-hoc CAMPA with intimation to the MoEF.
- (v) The User Agency shall demarcate the project area by creating Cairns (60 Cm high) with available stones and indicate the marking of forward and backward bearings on these Cairns.
- (vi) After the construction of approach road as per the project plan, these Cairns shall be substituted by four feet high RCC pillars at the project cost indicating on each pillar the forward and back bearing as well as distance between the adjacent pillars.
- (vii) Other standard conditions in vogue as per the MoEF, guidelines issued vide letter No. 8-84/2002-FC, dated 14-05-2000 for Wind Power Projects shall also be applicable in the instant case.
- (viii) No work camps to be established in the forest area and fuel for cooking etc. should be provided by the user agency, so that there is no felling of trees.
- (ix) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh and the user agency will comply with the additional conditions, if any, the MoEF, on the basis of the findings of the study assigned to the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and recommendations made by the Committee constituted under Chairmanship of the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Southern Regional Office, Bangalore, may stipulate.

- (x) User Agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report, indicating status of compliance to the conditions stipulated in the approval, to the State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the MoEF, and
- (xi) All other conditions under different rules, regulations and guidelines including environmental clearance and rehabilitation of tribal and forest dweller shall be complied with.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.